



# Discipleship

According to Mark



HOUSTON  
CHINESE CHURCH  
鐵士頓中國教會

**The Authority to Forgive**

**Preacher: Jason Tarn**

**Sunday, January 18, 2026 | 9:15 AM – 10:30 AM**

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## ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Mark 2:1-17*

Worship in the Word, Jason Tarn

“The Authority to Forgive” - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Benediction & Doxology

### Offertory

Offertory is an expression of our allegiance to God's rule by willingly submitting what God has given us for his works and purposes as a conscious act of worship.



## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

### God Cares About the Baby and Mother (Sanctity of Life Sunday)

January 25 | *Exodus 21:22-25* | Melvin Huang

### The Lord of the Sabbath

February 1 | *Mark 2:18-3:12* | Jason Tarn

### A New Family

February 8 | *Mark 3:13-35* | Stanley Chang

### The Secret of the Kingdom

February 15 | *Mark 4:1-20* | Jason Tarn



### ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:

[hcc.tv/sermons](http://hcc.tv/sermons)



## ENGLISH ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School classes from 11:00 AM-12:15 PM. Jesus calls us to be disciples, workers, and leaders. Our teaching ministry aims to produce believers who are committed to the call of Jesus.

**New Testament Survey (Part 2 of 3): Romans-2 Thessalonians** | Rm 115

**Christian Ethics (Part 2 of 3)** | Chapel

**Finding your PLACE** | January 25 – February 22 | Rm 113



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## **SERMON NOTES**

January 18, 2026  
Pastor Jason Tarn

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### **Discipleship According to Mark (Part I)**

The Authority to Forgive

*Mark 2:1-17*

As Jesus bursts on the scene in Mark's Gospel, his authority is on full display. Demonstrated in how he calls disciples, casts out demons, cures the sick, cleanses lepers, and—as our text reveals—forgives sins. The message couldn't be clearer: Jesus is God in the flesh, and he's on a mission to forgive sinners and make them into disciples.

1. The audacity to pronounce forgiveness

2. The authority to offer forgiveness

3. The audience that receives forgiveness

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**Mothers of Little Ones** | *Monday, January 19th* | 9:30AM–11:00AM | *Fire Truck Park*  
MOLO (Mothers of Little Ones) will have a playdate this Monday, MLK day at Fire Truck Park! Playdates are now 1st and 3rd MONDAY of the month. For questions or inclement weather, contact Yi Wang [eeex101@gmail.com](mailto:eeex101@gmail.com).

**Ordination Ceremony for Stanley Chang** | *Saturday, January 24th* | 3:00 PM–5:00 PM | *Sanctuary*  
Please join us for the ordination ceremony of Stanley Chang into the pastoral ministry. A light reception will follow in the chapel. RSVP at [hcc.lv/ordination26](http://hcc.lv/ordination26). Nursery childcare will be available for children up to 3 years of age.

**New Sunday School Class** | *Sundays, January 25th–February 22nd* | 11:00 AM–12:15 PM | *Rm 113*  
We are offering a 5-week class called “*Finding Your PLACE*”. PLACE is an intentional process to help God’s people discover how He has uniquely created them so they can be and do what He created them for in life and ministry. PLACE is an acronym that stands for: Personality Discovery, Learning Spiritual Gifts, Abilities Awareness, Connecting Passion with Ministry, Experiences of Life. The class will be led by Dena Chuang and Sean Qiu.

**Family Life Conference** | *Fri.–Sat., February 20–21* | *HCC*  
Screens are everywhere—including our homes—but so are opportunities for meaningful connections with our kids. Join us and our guest speaker Arlene Pellicane, host of the Happy Home podcast and author of several books. Friday night will involve watching her film, *Screen Kids*, and engaging Arlene directly with audience questions. The next morning, she will teach two workshops that explore practical ways to *Raise Relational Kids in a Screen-Driven World*.

**Parents’ Night Out Valentine’s Day Edition** | *Saturday, February 14* | 4:00 PM–8:00 PM | *HCC*  
Need someone to watch your child so you can go out and come back refreshed? Volunteers from HCC will take care of your kids while you go out for \$6/child. Volunteers, sign up at [tinyurl.com/pno-volunteer](http://tinyurl.com/pno-volunteer). Parents, sign up your children at [tinyurl.com/pno-signup](http://tinyurl.com/pno-signup). First come, first serve until capacity is reached. Contact Cecilia Liang at [PNO@hcchome.org](mailto:PNO@hcchome.org).

**SAVE THE DATE! Thrive Retreat for Young Adults** | *Fri–Mon, May 22–25* | *Trinity Pine*  
Organized by the Partnership of Asian American Churches in Texas (PAACT), this triennial retreat seeks to glorify God by building up the next generation of Asian-American young adults (singles or married couples without kids up to age 40) and address issues specific to them. It is a unique opportunity for young adults to connect, renew, and engage with one another and their faith. Email Melvin ([melvinh@hcchome.org](mailto:melvinh@hcchome.org)) with any questions.

**STM Taiwan 2026 Meeting** | *January 25th, February 8th*  
Information meetings for July’s Taiwan STM [Tainan (7/3–7/12) or Taipei (7/11–7/19)] is scheduled for (1) Zoom meeting on 1/25 at 6pm (Zoom link: [HCC.lv/twninfo](http://HCC.lv/twninfo)) and (2) 2/8 at 1:30pm in Room 208. Interested individuals can also contact Mr. Frank.

## CHURCH NOTICES

**2025 Reimbursement Vouchers Due January 25, 2026**  
All reimbursement vouchers for 2025 expense must be submitted by **Sunday, January 25, 2026**. Any vouchers submitted after January 25th will NOT be accepted.

**Please Refrain from Filing your 2025 Tax Return until the end of January**  
For tax deductibility purposes, you need to have your official HCC 2025 Offering Receipt record in hand before filing. It will be emailed to you by the end of January. If your email has changed recently, please update it in Breeze.

**2025 Offering Record**  
Your 2025 HCC Offering Record will be sent to you via email at the end of January. Please do not request it before then. If you’d like to pick up a paper copy, please sign up at the church office starting Sunday, January 18th, and you can pick it up starting Sunday, February 1st.

**HCC Children Ministry Intern** | *June–August*  
HCC Children’s Ministry has a summer intern opportunity from June to August. This is a part-time paid intern position that will introduce and equip the applicant to learn about, serve, plan and lead in the children’s ministry. Interested parties can check out the posting in [hcc.lv/opportunities](http://hcc.lv/opportunities) for more info.

# HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

## LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 11, 2026

### HCC WORSHIP

**303**

ENGLISH

**217**

MANDARIN

**78**

CANTONESE

### PEARLAND WORSHIP

**24**

ENGLISH

**50**

MANDARIN

**672**

TOTAL



### HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

**103**

ENGLISH

**68**

CANTONESE

**61**

MANDARIN

**57**

YOUTH

**94**

CHILDREN

### PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

**8**

ENGLISH

**28**

MANDARIN

**11**

YOUTH

**18**

CHILDREN

JANUARY 11, 2026	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$20,930.85	\$25,530.85	(\$69,589.53)	(\$128,685.72)
PCC GENERAL	\$780.00	\$3,921.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$30,090.00	\$36,836.86		
BUILDING PLEDGE	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
RENOVATION PLEDGE	\$ 550.00	\$ 950.00		



### STAFF ITINERARY

*Dinah Koh:* Vacation, 1/14–20

*Melvin Huang:* CCF Retreat, 1/16–18



### LUNCH PREPARATION

Newcomers can pick up a free lunch coupon & voucher to book stall at the Welcome Desk!

*Wilson & Dena/ Patrick & Debbie* (this week)

*Jjaxin/SYPF* (next week)



### PPGF GIVING CODES

Your donation will default to the General Fund, unless you use a code to designate a fund (e.g. \$250.25 for a pledge fulfillment).

"27" - Fulfilling your Renovation Pledge

"25" - Fulfilling your Building Project pledge

"22" - Designate to the HCC Building Fund

"30" - 2nd Floor Children's Center

## ABOUT US

### New or Visiting HCC?

If you are a newcomer or visitor, we would love to connect you with our church community!

Take a moment to fill out our Visitor's Welcome form: [hcc.lv/welcome](http://hcc.lv/welcome) OR stop by our

welcome desk in the lobby. We will contact you with ways to connect with our community!

### Sign Up for Our Newsletter | [hcc.lv/news](http://hcc.lv/news)

Subscribe to our weekly newsletters with announcements, opportunities, and updates.